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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
(ITEM 19)

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1. SET FORTH BELOW AS PARA 2 IS TEXT OF DUTCH RESOLUTION CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT E/AC.24/L.550. RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, AND PROBABLY WILL BE ACTED UPON AT THAT TIME.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AUSTRIA, KENYA, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN AND PHILIPPINES: DRAFT RESOLUTION

ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3510 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975 AND COUNCIL DECISION 177 (LXI) OF 5 AUGUST 1976 ENDORSED BY ASSEMBLY DECISION 31/422C OF 21 DECEMBER 1976,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, (1) E/5989.

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RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

"RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 3510 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER 1975 AND COUNCIL

DECISION 177 (LXI) OF 5 AUGUST 1976 ENDORSED BY ASSEMBLY DECISION
31/422C OF 21 DECEMBER 1976,

"RECOGNIZING THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD RESPOND PROMPTLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS DURING WHICH SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OCCUR OR SEEM INEVITABLE, WITH HARMFUL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS ESPECIALLY ON THE POOREST STRATA OF THE POPULATION AND WHICH HAVE ARISEN THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED,

"REAFFIRMING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SHOULD ACT IN SUCH EMERGENCIES IN A FLEXIBLE, COMPREHENSIVE AND CO-ORDINATED MANNER AND CONVINCED OF THE NEED TO IMPROVE AND SYSTEMATIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES SO THAT IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN TO OFFSET THEIR CONSEQUENCES,

"CONVINCED ALSO OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE, AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, EARLY WARNING OF IMPENDING EMERGENCIES,

"RECOGNIZING ALSO THE VARIOUS EXISTING MECHANISMS INCLUDING THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR, FOR THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

"RECOGNIZING FURTHER THAT ARRANGMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO BRING TO BEAR IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER THE COMBINED RESOURCES OF THE UNITED
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NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EFFORTS OF DONOR COUNTRIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN ASSISTING GOVERNMENT AT A TIME OF EMERGENCY,

"1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (E/5989);

"2. INVITES THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN CO-OPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, TO CO-OPERATE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION CONCERNING RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF COMPETENCE AND TO ASSIST AS NECESSARY IN THE ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES OF REMEDIAL ACTION REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED;

"3. URGES THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT, AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN CO-OPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, COLLECT, CO-ORDINATE AND CHANNEL ALL INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM ABOUT IMPENDING OR EXISTING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND ASSIST IN THE APPLICATION OF RELIEF MEASURES;

"4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE, AS NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGMENTS AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE EFFECTIVE CARRYING OUT OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(A) THE COMPIATION AND EVALUATION OF DATA PROVIDED BY THE MONITORING SYSTEM REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3, THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE PROVISION OF ADVANCE WARNING OF POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED;

(B) THE INITIATION OF MEASURES FOR THE PROVISION BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IN AN ECONOMIC EMERGENCY SITUATION IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIALIZED AGENCIES;

(C) THE ESTABLISHMENT, THROUGH THE DESIGNATION OF A LEAD AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION AS APPROPRIATE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, OF FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE AD HOC MECHANISMS FOR CO-ORDINATING THE MEASURES OF REMEDIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IN RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE;

(D) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE MOBILIZATION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM POTENTIAL DONOR COUNTRIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE CO-ORDINATION OF SUCH AID WITH THAT PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES;

(E) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE, WHERE NECESSARY, IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE PROGRAMMES OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE DECIDED UPON BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN THE EVENT OF A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 5 BELOW;

"5. DECIDES THAT, IF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EMERGENCY SO WARRANT IN THE LIGHT OF THE ACTIVITIES FORESEEN UNDER PARAS 4 (A) AND (D) OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MAY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY, IF NECESSARY IN A SPECIAL SESSION CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND ADOPT A PROGRAMME OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE COMMENSURATE WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE EMERGENCY WHICH HAS PROMPTED SUCH A DECISION;

"6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION ON THE MEASURES TAKEN TO SET IN MOTION THE ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED IN THIS RESOLUTION;

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"7. REQUESTS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW, ON A REGULAR BASIS, THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION."

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